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ALABAMA

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The three Negroes had named the city of Mobile, three city commissioners and Tom Klumpp, golf professional at the course, as defendants.

THE JUDGE DENIED a petition by the three complainants seeking \$5000 damages each. He also dismissed the action against Klumpp on grounds that the evidence failed to substantiate the charge against him.

The three plaintiffs testified they were refused permission to play on the public course Feb. 1958.

Judge Thomas heard arguments in the case in January, 1960.

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Swimming Pool To Serve Negroes Will Be Built In Time For Use This Year

The Talladega Daily Home
Talladega, Ala.

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Talladega's City Commission plans construction of a swimming pool for Negro citizens in time for its use during the coming Summer.

That was revealed Tuesday afternoon during discussion at the weekly Commission meeting.

Formal action has yet to be taken and a site has not been selected, but agreement on the construction is unanimous on the part of Mayor James L. Hardwick, Street Commissioner John North and Finance Commissioner Sam Venable.

"We hope we can get by on a total cost of \$25,000, exclusive of the land," Mayor Hardwick said.

"We plan to do as much of the work as possible with city crews," Mr. North said. "That way we believe we can save enough to get a \$40,000 pool for \$25,000."

The pool will be of modern type and completely equipped with bathhouse and other facilities.

As is the municipal pool near Talladega High School, the new pool for Negroes will be administered by the Recreation Department.

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FLORIDA

Jacksonville Integration Is Successful

Saladega, Fla.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (AP) —
Court-ordered integration of Jack-
sonville recreational facilities has
successfully passed its first big
test.

Thurs. 1-26-61
An audience of 4,104—about half
Negro and half white persons—
attended a concert by two Negro
bands, one led by recording artist
Fats Domino, in the Jacksonville
Coliseum Wednesday night.

At previous events since inte-
gration went into effect Jan. 3
under a federal court order, only
a scattering of Negroes attended.

Integrated

The Miami Herald
Resort

Miami, Fla.
Rejected

Aug. 2-28-61
By JOHN CONNORS
Herald Staff Writer

Miami City Commission Monday made it clear it will turn down plans for development of a \$5-million-dollar inter-racial resort on Virginia Key.

A majority of the commissioners said they are opposed to the development on city property after Miami's new legal counsel, Jack Watson Sr., said he could not approve the plan.

Watson said the Virginia Key property sought by a group of New York developers originally was obtained by the city through condemnation. Watson said a condition of the condemnation suit was that the property would be used for public purposes only.

Plans for the development were revealed by the promoters Friday. They said the project would include a convention hall, motel, boating facilities and a nine-hole golf course.

Commissioner Henry Balaban said that in addition to legal restrictions on the land, several Negro leaders were opposed to the project on the grounds that an integrated resort at the site of the Negro beach would inhibit the progress of racial integration here.

In other action Monday, the Commission:

NAMED WATSON a special counsel at a salary of \$600 a month for 90 days. The 66-year-old former city attorney will serve as a consultant to the Commission and to Acting City Attorney Edward J. Fitzpatrick.

TURNED DOWN a bid for an immediate contract with Houston Gas Corp. to substitute for the 30-year franchise rejected by city voters Feb. 7. The Commission recommended further negotiations with Houston.

Jacksonville To Integrate City's Parks

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — City recreation officials said Friday they will comply fully with a federal court order to integrate all city recreational facilities.

The order, handed down last month by U. S. District Court Judge Bryant Simpson, becomes effective Monday. It applies to the city baseball park tennis courts, swimming pools, coliseum, zoo and the Gator Bowl.

George Robinson, executive director of the City Recreation Department, said he expects "no trouble whatsoever" in obeying the court ruling.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Bill Lavery, manager of the city's new Sports Coliseum, which may feel the first results of the order, and by Zoo Director N. P. Baldwin.

Robinson declined to discuss the matter further, or speculate on the possibility that some facilities — particularly the swimming pools — might be closed to prevent racial mixing.

A federal court order to desegregate Jacksonville's two municipal golf courses resulted in the sale of the links to private owners last year.

ber ruling that the city had a right to close any facility it wishes, but cannot maintain segregation. The ruling applied to facilities owned, operated or leased by the city.

The judge gave the city a month to prepare for the ruling. The city attorney said it would be useless to file an appeal.

Jacksonville Plans To Obey Federal Race Ruling Monday

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jacksonville officials said Friday "the letter of the law" will be observed Monday when the federal injunction against segregation goes into effect on city recreational property.

The city's recreation department, said Executive Director George Robinson, is going to comply with the federal court order signed by U.S. District Judge Bryan Simpson last month.

The recreation department supervises all play programs, the baseball park and Gator Bowl, tennis courts and swimming pools.

"We anticipate no trouble whatsoever," Robinson said. Beyond that he would not comment. A statement regarding swimming pools will be made when they re-open next summer.

Judge Simpson's order provides for contempt of court citations for city officials or employees who do not comply.

Zoo Director N. P. Baldwin said the order would be followed. All signs designating white and colored picnic areas and rest rooms are being taken down.

City officials did not indicate whether any facilities will be closed. Simpson's ruling said the city is not prohibited from closing any facility but it cannot in any way maintain segregation.

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GEORGIA



MRS. LAURA E. BATTEN

L. E. Batten
ATTENDS RECREATION CON-
GRESS—Mrs. Laura E. Batten of
the Atlanta Recreation Department
Parks Division was in Detroit,
Michigan, October 1 to 6 attending
sessions of the National Recreation
Association Congress. Mrs. Batten
has been employed by the city for
10 years, and is currently super-
visor of Anderson Park Recreation
Center.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Gastonia's New \$35,000

Erwin Center Dedicated

Sat. 10-21-61
By MAUDE M. JEFFERS
Gastonia, N.C.

The new \$35,000 Erwin Park Community Recreation Center was dedicated recently with leading officials participating in the services. Mayor Vic Phillips cut the ribbons officially opening the spacious building to the public.

After the opening, hundreds of people toured the center after which refreshments were served.

THE BUILDING has a lobby, office for Director Ferguson, a modern kitchen, dining room, play area, commodious lobby, patio, furniture and equipment valued at \$5,000. Eventually the building will be enlarged with the construction of a connecting gymnasium. Surrounding it is a swimming pool, tennis court, and over 15 acres of land. The entire area is beautified.

The dedicatory program opened with a flag raising ceremony by Scoutmaster Larkin B. Reeves and his Boy Scout troop. Music was furnished by the Highland band in new uniforms directed by James Flanders. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. J. H. Acker, pastor of St. Paul Baptist church.

CITY COUNCILMAN J. Q. Falls presided during the services and introduced Mayor Vic Phillips who welcomed the audience and told of his interest in the worthy use of leisure time. Other members of the City Council were introduced and City manager James Carter, recreation director, J. W. Emmett, and all members of the council and former mayors.

Executive Secretary Nathaniel Barber, first colored city councilman delivered the ad-

dress.

He introduced Mrs. Daisy Erwin, wife of Dr. Erwin, for whom the park was named and Mrs. E. W. Burke, who worked with her husband at Tabernacle Baptist church in the beginnings of a recreation as volunteer.

Charles W. Costner, Jr., young undertaker and a member of the Erwin Park Commission, presented Mrs. Beatrice Costner who was honored with a plaque and an orchid because of her years of service as the first paid director, who is continuing her services as assistant to Mr. Ferguson who is general supervisor. Other members of the Park Commission who made short talks were R. C. Gingles, principal of Pleasant Ridge school, Dr. N. A. Smith, R. O. Mason, athletic director of Highland school; T. Jeffers, principal and Nathaniel Barber.

T. Jeffers presented civic, fraternal, church and other clubs that will use the facilities for meetings.

136 Acres In *Journal and* Site Near *Guide* Raleigh *P. 1*

Five-Acre Lake On
Property Now Used
As Picnic Area

Lat. 7-29-61

RALEIGH, N. C. —(UPI)—

A group of Negroes has purchased 136 acres of land six miles east of here on which to construct a \$150,000 country club for their race.

Meadowbrook
J. J. Sansom Jr., president of Meadowbrook Country club, said a membership goal of 240 has been set. Mr. Sansom is vice president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, here.

HE SAID facilities planned included a clubhouse, nine-hole golf course, children's play area, teenage room, softball, tennis, boating and dancing areas.

A five acre lake on the property is already being used as a picnic area.

Urge Speedup Of Golf Integration

Baltimore, Md.
CHARLESTON, S. C. (ANP). Four colored golfers Monday (April 10) asked the U. S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., to shorten an eight-months delay granted the City of Charleston to decide whether it will end segregation at the publicly owned Municipal Golf Course.

4-15-61
The suit against the city by the four originated five years ago. It grew out of their attempt to use the course Nov. 23, 1955. State statutes forbid mixed recreation on publicly-owned property but these statutes have obviously been struck down by the U. S.

Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation decision.

U. S. DISTRICT Judge Ashton H. Williams had given the city the eight months delay to decide whether or not to allow racial integration or close the course. The deed to the property stipulates that if it should cease to be used as a golf course, it would revert to the original owners.

This is the second time the complainants have appealed to the Appeals Court to shorten the delay. The first time the court denied their plea.

Judge Williams' order is due to go into effect July 26.

Recreation Area, Cabins Remain Closed To All

Seashore Park To 'Half-way' Open

Journal Guide Norfolk, Va
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A portion of the vast Seashore State park near Norfolk will be opened to Virginians and others on a racially desegregated basis in mid-May according to an announcement from the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

To be utilized is the nature trails tract in the mammoth park. Some 3400 acres will be put into use. Remaining closed however will be the 200-acre section which was formerly used for recreation. Swimming, picnic facilities and cabins will not be used.

THIS IS the state's manner of handling federal orders to desegregate the public-owned facility. The order came after litigation on behalf of colored residents from the Norfolk and Portsmouth areas.

The park was closed in 1955 in defiance of desegregation orders. Last year, it was decided that the wild life sectors would be opened. This decision came after various scientific and educational groups protested the state's padlocking action.

At one time, some 35,000 — persons all white — annually used the park, observing its huge array of flora and fauna and utilizing its waterfront recreation offerings. Since 1955, only educational groups — numbering about 5,000 a year — have been allowed to tour the tract.